

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cr-00143
The Honorable Judge Ellis

Pretrial Conference: Apr. 9, 2021
Trial: Apr. 26, 2021

CONSENT MOTION TO SEAL AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF SAME

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E), defendant, Zackary Ellis Sanders, through counsel, moves for an order permitting the defense to file under seal portions of Mr. Sanders's Supplement to his Motion to Compel ("Supplement") and exhibit 3, and the entirety of exhibits 1 and 2. A proposed order is attached for the consideration of the Court.¹ The Government has previously consented to Mr. Sanders filing under seal material that is subject to the protective order or that it considers to be subject to the protective order. Mr. Sanders seeks sealing for the same reasons here. In support of this motion, the defense further states:

I. Item to be Filed Under Seal, and Necessity for Sealing

A. Mr. Sanders asks the Court to seal portions of his Supplement, the entirety of exhibits 1 and 2, and portions of exhibit 3, which pertain to and refer to material that the Government believes is under a protective order. *See* ECF No. 28. The defense has endeavored

¹ The document to be filed under seal will be filed with the Court non-electronically pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E) and the Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures (*see* p. 21). Pursuant to the Local Rules, the sealed document is to be treated as sealed pending the outcome of this motion.

to seal only the minimum necessary portion of its Supplement and accompanying exhibits and will file a redacted version on the public docket.

B. Filing the Supplement and exhibit 3 partially under seal is necessary because it contains discussion of material that is subject to the protective order or that the Government considers subject to the protective order. *See* ECF No. 28. Filing the entirety of exhibits 1 and 2 under seal is necessary because they are discovery materials provided by the Government. *See* ECF No. 28. Exhibit 4 does not need to be filed under seal because it does not contain material subject to the protective order. *See* ECF No. 28.

C. Counsel for Mr. Sanders has considered procedures other than filing under seal and none will suffice to protect disclosure of this information that the Government considers subject to a protective order.

II. Previous Court Decisions Which Concern Sealing Documents

The Court has the inherent power to seal materials submitted to it. *See United States v. Wuagneux*, 683 F.2d 1343, 1351 (11th Cir. 1982); *State of Arizona v. Maypenny*, 672 F.2d 761, 765 (9th Cir. 1982); *Times Mirror Company v. United States*, 873 F.2d 1210 (9th Cir. 1989); *see also Shea v. Gabriel*, 520 F.2d 879 (1st Cir. 1975); *United States v. Hubbard*, 650 F.2d 293 (D.C. Cir. 1980); *In re Braughton*, 520 F.2d 765, 766 (9th Cir. 1975). “The trial court has supervisory power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal documents if the public’s right of access is outweighed by competing interests.” *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984).

III. Period of Time to Have the Document Under Seal

The materials to be filed under seal would need to remain sealed as long as the protective order remains in effect.

Accordingly, Mr. Sanders respectfully requests that this Court enter an order allowing the defense to file under seal portions of his Supplement and exhibit 3, and the entirety of exhibits 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of January 2021, the foregoing was served electronically on the counsel of record through the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia Electronic Document Filing System (ECF) and the document is available on the ECF system.

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[PROPOSED] SEALING ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the defendant's Consent Motion for Leave to File Under Seal pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E). Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Motion for Leave to File Under Seal is granted.

It is so ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Date: _____

Alexandria, Virginia